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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO ENTER INTO  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH NEUROLOGICA  
CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT WITH A PORTABLE CERETOM CT SCANNER**

**SUBJECT**

This letter provides advance notification to the Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations without engaging in a competitive solicitation process for a Sole Source Agreement (Agreement) with Neurologica Corporation (Neurologica) to purchase one Ceretom CT scanner for TwinTowers Correctional Facility (TTCF).

**BACKGROUND**

On June 28, 2012, Department of Health Services (DHS) informed the Board regarding their collaborative effort with the Department to assess various options for improving specialty care for individuals incarcerated in Los Angeles County (County) jails. This report also included a proposed plan on how DHS could further collaborate with the Department's Medical Services Bureau (MSB) to improve services by providing on-site specialty care to incarcerated inmates.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Board subsequently passed a motion that provided funding in the amount of \$450,000 for a mobile CT scanner, which was included in the Department's 2013-14

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Budget during final changes. The motion also directed the Chief Executive Officer and the Department to ensure that all cost-savings will be used to expand the scope of specialty care.

The Chief Information Office has reviewed the Department's sole source justification and concurs with this sole source approach.

### **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

The Department is constitutionally obligated to provide a community standard of medical care to the inmates of the County jails. To achieve this constitutional mandate and efficiently provide care, the Department is required to purchase a portable CT scanner. This purchase will eliminate the need to transport designated inmates to outside medical facilities and allow their evaluations to be completed inside the County jails.

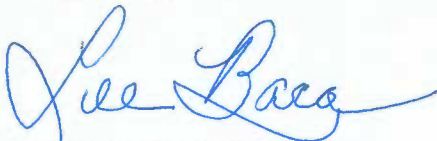
There are several other models of portable CT scanners manufactured by Medtronic and Xoran. We reviewed the specifications of these products and concluded that the Medtronic CT scanner is designed to be used only inside operating rooms. The Xoran CT scanner is designed to image only ear, nose, and throat. For these reasons, Neurologica is the only source for this specific model of portable CT scanner suitable for the needs of the Department.

There is only one particular manufacturer of the Ceretom multislice portable CT scanner, which is provided by Neurologica. This item is available only through Neurologica.

### **CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Board policy, the County's Internal Services Department will engage in sole source negotiations with Neurologica in two weeks unless otherwise instructed by the Board. Should additional information be requested, you may contact Ms. Kimberly Saucedo of MSB at (213) 473-2947.

Sincerely,



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